

This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-627-001]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 13, 2000.

Take notice that on November 27, 2000, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) tendered its compliance filing with the Commission's Order on Filings to Establish Imbalance Netting and Trading Pursuant to Order Nos. 587-G and 587-L [93 FERC ¶ 61,903 (2000)] issued on October 27, 2000 (October 27 Order).

Northern states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the requirements of the October 27 Order.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.214 and Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in

accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-183-000]

OkTex Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 13, 2000.

Take notice that on December 11, 2000, OkTex Pipeline Company (OkTex), filed tariff sheets to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff Original Volume No. 1 the following pro forma tariff sheets:

Second Revised Sheet No. 1
Second Revised Sheet No. 4
6th Revised Sheet No. 9
2nd Revised Sheet No. 15
4th Revised Sheet No. 17
6th Revised Sheet No. 30
2nd Revised Sheet No. 30A
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 38
7th Revised Sheet No. 39
Original Sheet No. 40G
Original Sheet No. 40H
Original Sheet No. 40I
Original Sheet No. 40J
First Revised Sheet No. 47
First Revised Sheet No. 54
Second Revised Sheet No. 60C
Second Revised Sheet No. 61

OkTex states that on February 9, 2000 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued its final rule and Order on rehearing regarding the regulation of short-term interstate natural gas transportation services in Docket Nos. RM98-10-002 and RM98-12-002 ("Order No. 637, and 637-A"). In the instant filing OkTex is filing to implement the requirements of Order Nos. 637 and 637-A relating to capacity release, segmentation,

operational flow orders, penalties and imbalance management services.

OkTex states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.2141 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before January 12, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 559-002-CA]

San Diego Gas & Electric Company; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order, and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

December 13, 2000.

a. *Type of Filing:* Petition for Declaratory Order to Find that the Rincon Transmission Line Project is no longer jurisdictional and no longer requires licensing.

b. *Project No:* 559-002.

c. *Date Filed:* November 16, 2000.

d. *Applicant:* San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Rincon Transmission Line Project.

f. *Location:* The Project is located in the City of Escondido, San Diego County, California.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Regulation, 18 CFR 385.207.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Abby Walsh, San Diego Gas & Electric Co., 101 Ash St., San Diego, CA 92101, (619) 699-5139.

i. *FERC Contact:* William Guey-Lee, (202) 219-2808, or william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene or protests: January 18, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Project:* The existing project consists of a 0.6-mile-long, 12-kV transmission line (designated as Circuit 216) extending from the Rincon Powerhouse of Project No. 176 to San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Pole No. 12,111. San Diego Gas & Electric Co. requests that the Commission find that the Rincon Transmission Line Project is no longer jurisdictional and no longer requires licensing. No federal lands are occupied.

l. *Location of the Filing:* A copy of the filing is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> [call (202) 208-2222 for assistance]. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit

comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-182-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 13, 2000.

Take notice that on December 7, 2000, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the

filing, to become effective on January 7, 2001.

Texas Eastern states that the purpose of this filing is to make the benefits and opportunities of e-commerce available to Texas Eastern's existing and potential customers and to advance the Commission objectives as expressed in Order Nos. 637, *et seq.* of providing equality between the pipeline services and capacity release transactions.

Texas Eastern states that the proposed tariff modifications permit customers to request service agreements electronically and to execute such contracts on line via the LINKr System, which will facilitate nominations and increase the efficiency and convenience of the Texas Eastern contracting process for all customers. Texas Eastern also states that as part of the proposed enhancement to the Texas Eastern contracting process, this filing also modifies certain tariff provisions to expedite the net present value (NPV) contract request and contract execution processes.

Texas Eastern also states that copies of the filing were mailed to all affected customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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